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TRUSTEES OF THE HAWAII
CARPENTER TRUST FUNDS

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF HAWAII

HAWAII CARPENTERS TRUST)	CIVIL NO.
FUNDS, <i>Health & Welfare Fund by</i>)	
<i>its trustees</i> Russell Young, Glen)	COMPLAINT; EXHIBITS “A” AND
Kaneshige, Eric Hashizume, George)	“B”
Ehara, Ronald Taketa, Kyle Chock,)	
Shayne Chung, Conrad C. Verdugo,)	
Jr., Ralph Hoohuli, Travis Murakami)	
and Alike Fujimoto; <i>Apprenticeship</i>)	
<i>& Training Fund by its trustees</i>)	
Claude Matsumoto, Thomas Toma,)	
Conrad Murashige, Dale Sakamoto-)	
Yoneda, Roy Morioka, Vince)	
Nihipali, Sheri Mau, Kyle Chock,)	
Ronald Taketa, Mitchell Tynanes,)	
Sean Newcamp, Ralph Hoohuli,)	
Travis Murakami and Barbara Kono;)	
<i>Vacation & Holiday Fund by its</i>)	
<i>trustees</i> James Watanabe, Paul Silen,)	
Paul Sasaki, Jay Kadowaki, Roy)	
Morioka, Kyle Chock, Sean)	
Newcamp, Mitchell Tynanes, Ralph)	

Hoohuli, Travis Murakami, Tom)
 Broderick and Blake T. Inouye;)
Market Recovery Program by its)
trustees Thalia Choy, Alan Shintani,)
 Justin Izumi, Ken Kawamoto, Bill)
 Wilson, Lance Wilhelm, Sean)
 Newcamp, Kyle Chock, Mitchell)
 Tynanes, Ralph Hoohuli, Travis)
 Murakami and Dale Sakamoto-)
 Yoneda; *Financial Security Fund by*)
its trustees Kenneth Spence, Conrad)
 Murashige, Kenneth Sakurai, Alan)
 Shintani, Kyle Chock, Ronald Taketa,)
 Shayne Chung, Sean Newcamp,)
 Ralph Hoohuli, Clyde Sugawa, Joyce)
 Furukawa, Travis Murakami and)
 Michael Inouye; *Drywall Training*)
Fund by its trustees Vince Nihipali,)
 Sr., Lito Alcantra, Bert Beaman, Mike)
 Goodnight, Kevin Respecki, Sean)
 Newcamp, Garrett Takara, Edmund)
 Aczon, David Samson and Ivan Lay;)
401-K Fund by its trustees Kenneth)
 Spence, Conrad Murashige, Kenneth)
 Sakurai, Alan Shintani, Kyle Chock,)
 Ronald Taketa, Shayne Chung, Sean)
 Newcamp, Ralph Hoohuli, Clyde)
 Sugawa, Joyce Furukawa, Travis)
 Murakami and Michael Inouye;)

Plaintiffs,)

vs.)

HAWAII MASONRY AND)
 DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION;)
 JOHN DOES 1-100; JANE DOES)
 1-100; DOE CORPORATIONS)
 1-100; DOE PARTNERSHIPS 1-100;)

DOE ENTITIES 1-100; DOE)
GOVERNMENTAL UNITS 1-100,)
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Defendants.)
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COMPLAINT

Plaintiffs above named, by and through their counsel, Law Office of Jeffrey P. Miller, and for causes of action against Defendant HAWAII MASONRY AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, allege and aver as follows:

1. Plaintiffs identified above are the trustees of the Hawaii Carpenters Trust Funds, which include the Health & Welfare Trust Fund, Apprenticeship & Training Fund, Vacation & Holiday Fund, Market Recovery Program Fund, Financial Security Fund, Retiree Medical Fund and 401-K Fund (hereinafter referred to collectively as the “Trust Funds” or “Plaintiffs”).

2. This action arises under the Labor-Management Relations Act, 1947, as amended, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, and the Multiemployer Pension Plan Amendments Act of 1980, as hereinafter more fully appears. Jurisdiction is founded on questions arising thereunder and more specifically under 29 U.S.C. §§185(a), 1145, and 1132(a) and (f).

3. At all times material herein, each of the above-named Trust Funds was, and now is, an employee benefit plan organized and existing under the

laws of the United States and whose principal offices are in the City and County of Honolulu, State of Hawaii. At all times herein mentioned, each of the above-named Trust Funds was, and now is, an express trust created by a written agreement subject to and pursuant to Section 302 of the Labor-Management Relations Act (29 U.S.C. §§186) and a multi-employer employee benefit plan within the meaning of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (29 U.S.C. §§1002).

4. The Trust Funds are informed and believe, and thereon allege, that at all relevant times herein Defendant HAWAII MASONRY AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION was and is a Hawaii corporation doing business in the County of Hawaii, State of Hawaii, and within the United States District Court, District of Hawaii.

5. DOE DEFENDANTS are sued herein under fictitious names for the reason that their true names, identities and/or responsibilities to PLAINTIFFS are currently unknown except that they were in some manner involved in the conduct alleged herein and/or are somehow related to or in some manner responsible for the damages alleged herein by way of their negligence, breach of contract, breach of warranties, strict liability and/or other fault. Said DOE DEFENDANTS may include, but are not limited to, individuals and/or business entities, their principals, agents and/or employees who have dealt with

any of the named DEFENDANTS.

6. On or about July 26, 2014, HAWAII MASONRY AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION had made, executed and delivered to the United Brotherhood of Carpenters & Joiners of America, Local 745, AFL-CIO, a Collective Bargaining Agreement (“CBA”). Under the terms of the CBA, HAWAII MASONRY AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION promised to contribute and pay to the Trust Funds certain employee benefit contributions arising from work performed by HAWAII MASONRY AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION’s covered employees. As part of the CBA, the Trust Funds would and did pay certain employee benefits to HAWAII MASONRY AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION’s covered employees and eligible dependents. A true and correct copy of the CBA is attached hereto as Exhibit “A.” Attached hereto as Exhibit “B” is a true and correct copy of the Certification of Receipt and Acceptance for the CBA signed by HAWAII MASONRY AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

7. Under the terms of the CBA, Defendant promised to contribute and pay to the Trust Funds certain employee benefit contributions arising from work performed by Defendant’s covered employees, which amounts should be paid to the Trust Funds on or before the due dates as specified in the CBA.

8. In accordance with the terms of the CBA, Defendant promised

to submit timely reports to the Trust Funds reporting hours worked by Defendant's covered employees, which reports would be submitted to the Trust Funds on or before the due dates as specified in the CBA, to permit audits and to allow inspection of their payroll records so that Plaintiffs are able to ascertain whether all contributions due have been paid.

9. In accordance with the terms of the CBA, Defendant agreed to be subject to and bound by all terms and conditions of the various trust agreements, and further promised that in the event any monthly contributions were not paid when due, Defendant would pay to each trust fund liquidated damages in the amount of twenty percent (20%) of such delinquent and unpaid contributions due to each respective fund or twenty dollars(\$20.00), whichever is greater, for each and every delinquent monthly contribution as provided by the CBA, for each delinquency as and for liquidated damages and not as a penalty.

10. In accordance with the terms of the CBA and 29 U.S.C. §1132(g)(2), the Trust Funds are entitled to recover liquidated damages in lieu of the liquidated damages described in paragraph 9 above, in a sum equivalent to interest in the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum on all unpaid contributions, if such amount is greater than the liquidated damages described in paragraph 9 above.

11. Under the terms of the CBA and 29 U.S.C. §1132(g)(2), the

Trust Funds are entitled to interest at the rate prescribed by the collective bargaining agreement of twelve percent (12%) per annum on any unpaid trust fund contributions.

12. In accordance with the terms of the CBA, Defendant agreed that payment of employee benefit contributions to the various Trust Funds would be based upon the total number of hours worked by each covered employee. Defendant employed workers covered under the provisions of the CBA, and said workers performed work and labor undertaken by Defendant during the time the CBA was in full force and effect.

13. Based on information recently obtained, as of October 10, 2017 there is now known to be due, owing and unpaid to Plaintiffs from Defendant, contributions, lost earnings, and liquidated damages as follows:

Account No. 27684-IU:

Contributions	\$96,772.91
Liquidated Damages	\$56,785.17
Audit Fees:	\$160.00
12% Interest	\$5,143.02
401(k) Lost Earnings Interest	\$159.99
Total Amount Due:	\$159,201.09

Thus, a total of \$159,201.09 is owed to the Trust Funds together with additional interest at a per diem rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum until judgment and

such other further amounts as may be proven at trial on hearing of proof.

14. Defendant's obligations to the Trust Funds to report covered hours worked and to pay trust fund contributions are continuing obligations and Defendant may accrue and owe additional trust fund contributions, lost earnings, and liquidated damages up to the time of trial or proof.

15. At all times mentioned herein, it was, and now is, impracticable and extremely difficult to fix the amount of actual damages suffered by the Trust Funds as a result of the non-payment of said trust fund contributions by Defendant. The amounts agreed upon herein, as hereinbefore alleged, as and for liquidated damages, represented and now represent a reasonable endeavor to ascertain and compensate the Trust Funds for the damages suffered by the Trust Funds arising from the non-payment of trust fund contributions by Defendant.

16. In accordance with the terms of the CBA and 29 U.S.C. §1132(g)(2)(D), Defendant further promised that if it became necessary for the Trust Funds to take legal action to enforce payment of contributions, lost earnings, and/or liquidated damages from Defendant, Defendant would pay all court and collection costs and reasonable attorneys' fees.

17. Based on the foregoing, the Trust Funds have been damaged, as of October 10, 2017, in the sum of \$96,772.91 in contributions, \$56,785.17 in liquidated damages, \$160.00 in audit fees, 12% interest in the amount of

\$5,143.02, and 401(k) Lost Earnings Interest of \$159.99, and such further amounts, including but not limited to attorneys' fees and costs, as may be proven at trial or hearing on proof.

18. It has been necessary for the Trust Funds to engage counsel for the purpose of collecting the trust fund contributions, lost earnings, and liquidated damages described above and to compel production of payroll records, and the Trust Funds are entitled to reasonable attorneys' fees and costs in connection therewith pursuant to the CBA and 29 U.S.C. §1132(g)(2).

WHEREFORE, the Trust Funds pray for judgment against Defendants as follows:

(a) That the Court compel and order Defendants to submit timely reports and payments in accordance with the terms of the collective bargaining agreement.

(b) That the Court compel and order Defendants to produce certain time sheets and payroll records and permit the Trust Funds to audit their payroll books and records as allowed by the collective bargaining agreement.

(c) That the Defendants remit to the Trust Funds such amounts as may be determined to be due and owing after the necessary reports have been provided, and/or after the necessary payroll audit has been permitted, plus such other amounts as may be due and owing at the time of trial or hearing on proof.

(d) That Defendants furnish to each of the seven (7) Plaintiffs' trust funds a surety bond or cash-in-escrow in the amount of Defendant's last three months of contributions or \$5,000.00, whichever is greater.

(e) That the Trust Funds recover from Defendants the principal sum of \$96,772.91 in contributions, \$56,785.17 in liquidated damages, audit fees in the amount of \$160.00, 12% interest in the amount of \$5,143.02, 401(k) Lost Earnings Interest of \$159.99, and such further amounts as may be proven at trial or hearing on proof.

(f) That the Trust Funds recover from Defendants such additional amounts as may, by proof, be shown to be due and owing at the time of trial or hearing on proof.

(g) That the Trust Funds recover from Defendants their costs of court, disbursements and reasonable attorneys' fees due pursuant to the collective bargaining agreement and 29 U.S.C. §1132(g)(2).

(h) That the Trust Funds have such further and additional relief as the Court deems just and proper.

DATED: Honolulu, Hawaii, October 11, 2017.

/s/ Jeffrey P. Miller
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